THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) An amount of Rs. 445.87 crores (excluding interest) is overdue payment by M/S CANFINA to Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC).

(b) M/S CANFINA and Canara Bank are vigorously being pursued for realisation of this amount. The matter has also been brought to the notice of Ministry of Finance.

(c) The IRFC is presently not required to raise funds for any particular railway project. However, during the current financial year 1993-94, IRFC proposes to go in for public borrowings to the extent of Rs. 900 crores which would form part of Railway Plan finances.

Construction of a Railway Line between Hissar and Narwana

1254. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to link Hissar with Ambala to construct a Railway line between Hissar and Narwana;

(b) whether Government propose to run a train between Bhiwani, Hissar and Chandigarh *via* Jakhal, Narwana and Kurukshetra;

(c) whether there is a proposal to construct a Rail link between Patiala and Narwana to provide rail link to the agriculturally rich areas like Khanauri, Pattran and Samana; and

(d) whether Government propose to link Patiala with Chandigarh by rail, if so, by what time the above proposals are going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Survey for linking Chandigarh with Rajpura has been taken up. Further action would depend on results of the survey and availability of resources.

आजमगढ़-मऊ के बीच की छोटी लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदला जाना

1255. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान आजमगढ़-मऊ के बीच की छोटी लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस रेल लाइन को बदलने के लिए कितनी धनराशि मंजूर की गई है ; और

(ग) इस लाइन को बदलने का काम कब तक शुरू किया जाएगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) से (ग) जी हां, 23-7-93 को आधारशिला रखी गई है । वर्ष के दौरान योजना आयोग की सहमति प्राप्त करने के बाद यह कार्य स्वीकृत किया जाएगा तथा इसके बाद निर्माण कार्य शुरू किया जाएगा । इसकी अनुमानित लागत 50 करोड़ रुपये होगी ।

Cancellation of Palghat-Mangalore Link Express Train

1256. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for cancellation of Palghat-Mangalore link express;

(b) whether it is a fact that with the cancellation of this train, great inconvenience is being caused to daily office goers to Malabar Coast; and

(c) whether Government have received any memorandum from the travelling public requesting for the restoration of the train, if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) 6683/6684 Palghat-Mangalore Link Express has not been cancelled. However, 2625A/2626A New Delhi/Palghat-Mangalore Mangala Express has been replaced by a full train between Nizamuddin & Mangalore with changed timings and number. Timings of 526 Mangalore-Cannanore Passenger has been revised to serve the commuters.

(c) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received to run an additional train to the erstwhile timings of 2625A Mangalore/Palghat-New Delhi Mangala Express. This demand has been examined but not found feasible.

रीवा-बघवार-ब्योहारी खंड का निर्माण कार्य

1257. श्री अजीत जोगी :

श्री चौधरी हरि सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :